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HOTEL TRAGEDY IS RE-ENACTED

Young Printer Shows Police
How He Killed Samuel W.
Taylor at Local Hostelry.

STICKS TO FIRST STORY

Declares He Fired Only When
Other Attempted to At-
tack Him.

With Capt. Collin Flather, of the First precinct, posing as the dead man, James Beaufort Ragland, a young printer of Danville, Va., re-enacted before Inspector C. L. Grant, chief of detectives, at police headquarters today the killing of Samuel W. Taylor, also a printer, in a room at the Sterling Hotel, shortly after last midnight.

Inspector Grant said Ragland stuck firmly to the story told immediately after the shooting, that he fired in self defense.

Alleged Attack.
According to Ragland's story, they had prepared to retire when Taylor attempted to attack him. He said he ordered the man to leave the room. When Taylor was half dressed, Ragland said he started toward him as though angry.

The gun was lying on the table, he said, and he grabbed it and fired. "The accused man then demonstrated to Inspector Grant how Taylor sank back in a chair.

The night clerk and a guest were attracted to the room by the report of the pistol. They rapped and were admitted by Ragland.

Relates Same Story.
"What's the matter in here?" the two men asked.

"There's a whole lot the matter," Ragland told the police he answered. Then he related the same story he told at police headquarters today.

Ragland made no effort to leave the room, and was placed under arrest a moment later by Policemen Leo Murray, of the First precinct.

Ragland, who is now employed on the Danville Register and formerly worked on local newspapers, said he came here several days ago on a pleasure trip, and had planned to return home today.

Invited Him to Room.
He told Inspector Grant he was walking near Eleventh and E streets northwest about 8 o'clock last night when he met Taylor. He told the police he did not know Taylor previous to last night.

They walked about town for several hours, he said, visiting several saloons. About midnight Ragland said he started for the hotel. He told Inspector Grant that Taylor said he had no place to go, and that he then invited him to share his room.

When informed of her husband's death early today, Mrs. Taylor fainted at her home, 409 G street northwest, where she and her husband roomed with Mrs. R. Hindle.

Starts Investigation.
As soon as she had been revived she started out with Mrs. Hindle to learn the details of the tragedy.

Taylor was employed at the Government Printing Office and stood well among his fellows, it was said. He had no children.

Coroner New examined the body and expressed the belief that the shot was fired at a distance of about six feet. He sent the body to the morgue and ordered an inquest at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Ragland's father, who lives at 1529 Stokes street, Danville, was notified today by the local police of his son's arrest.

WELL KNOWN IN DANVILLE
"Buck" Ragland Was Expected to Return There Tomorrow.

DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 14.—James Buford Ragland, a linotype operator employed here, left Danville Thursday night for Washington. He was to have returned tomorrow.

Inquiry at his home, 829 Stokes street, elicited this information this morning. Ragland's father was notified by Chief of Police Bell today that his son was held for the murder of Samuel Taylor in Washington.

"Buck" Ragland, as he was known among the newspaper fraternity here, is of a quiet and respectable nature. When the news of the murder reached here it was thought a mistake must have been made.

Ragland was born here and served his apprenticeship in the printing trade in this city. He left here about two years ago and worked with the Baltimore Sun, the Newport News Press, and Washington and Norfolk papers.

U. S. EGGS BREAK LONDON MARKET

Selling for Less Abroad Than
in Either Philadelphia or
New York.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—Owing to the import during the week of 15,000,000 eggs from America and Egypt, the price of eggs in the London markets, which had been gradually soaring for six months, has suddenly fallen.

While a week ago today English eggs were selling from \$1.14 to 90 cents a dozen, today's prices dropped to \$1.08 for the freshest variety and to 80 cents a dozen and even lower for others.

The average household egg, that brought 90 cents a dozen a week ago, is being sold today for 60 to 75 cents, according to the neighborhood.

A week ago there was hardly an egg in the market to be had for less than 5 cents each, while today some of the larger markets are selling them as low as 3 cents, these being small, but none the less fresh.

"American eggs are selling in London today for less than in Philadelphia or New York," remarked one dealer. "That is because contracts were made some time ago. We can buy American eggs cheaper than English, pay the freight over, and sell them at prices under our English eggs, making a decent profit, too."

SENSATION DUE ON LEAK TOMORROW

Lawson Must Answer Questions
or Face Contempt Proceedings in House.

That recalcitrant witness and Boston speculator, Thomas W. Lawson, will be recalled before the House Rules Committee tomorrow and directed to "give names" in support of his charges that there was a "leak" on the President's peace note to the warring nations of Europe. If he should give names, Mr. Lawson will furnish another sensation; should he refuse he will face contempt proceedings.

The "leak" investigation will be reopened with much flurry and excitement tomorrow morning. Acting under two resolutions adopted by the House yesterday, the Rules Committee, with its powers materially increased, will call Mr. Lawson and other witnesses in a renewed effort to ascertain if there was a "leak" and the responsibility therefor.

Lawson To Return.
Mr. Lawson telegraphed the committee late yesterday from New York that he would return to Washington tonight to testify again tomorrow. He did not say whether he will answer the questions the House, by formal resolution, had demanded that he answer.

It looks as if a big day on Capitol Hill is just a few hours distant. Smarting under charges that they attempted to "chloroform the Wood resolutions," the Democrats of the Rules Committee intend to throw the investigation wide open.

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SAYS BULL MOOSE LIVES

Party Still Kicking and Will Be
Heard From, Says McCormick.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Medell McCormick, Congressman-at-large-elect from Illinois, and one of the nation's leading Progressives, denials the Bull Moose party is officially dead in an address at the annual banquet of the Old Time Printers' Association.

"We have gone through a great fire, but by some alchemy we have survived," he said. "We are not dead nor have we lapsed into innocuous desuetude. Quite the contrary. We are still kicking, and will be heard from again."

BOMB WRECKS CHURCH

Dynamite Set Off in Door of Chi-
cago Temple.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—St. Louis Catholic Church, 11709 South State street, was partially wrecked early this morning by the explosion of a dynamite bomb set off in the doorway of the structure. Either labor trouble or religious differences is believed to be responsible.

The blast threw people living in the immediate neighborhood from their beds and several were badly injured by broken glass.

READY FOR POULTRY SHOW

Many Entries of Fine Stock for Ex-
hibit to Open Tomorrow.

Assignments of locations and final arrangements for the holding of the Washington Poultry Show, which begins in the Union Building, Sixth and G streets northwest, tomorrow, have been completed, W. A. Kiefer, vice president of the National Poultry and Pigeon Association, announced today.

The show is expected to be one of the largest ever held in any city, and the number of entries received has far exceeded the most hopeful expectations. Exhibitions of some of the finest fowl stock in the world is expected during the show.

LANSING TO RECEIVE ENVOY.
Secretary of State Lansing tomorrow will receive the credentials of Ljubomir Michaelovitch, the first Serbian minister ever accredited to the United States. Hitherto Serbia's affairs have been in the hands of consular officials. No steps have been taken or are likely to be taken until after the war to send an American minister to Serbia. At present one diplomatic official is accredited to the three Balkan countries—Serbia, Bulgaria and Roumania.

HIGH OFFICIALS HONOR PRELATE

Government Dignitaries, Diplo-
mats, and Churchmen at
Cardinal's Day Service.

CEREMONY IN DUAL FORM

Also Takes Nature of Farewell
to Mgr. Russell, Leaving
to Become Bishop.

Honors were paid Cardinal Gibbons today by officials of the United States Government, representatives of foreign governments and Catholic Church dignitaries, in the tenth observance of Cardinal's day at St. Patrick's Church.

The ceremonies partook of a dual significance, as they were also in the nature of a farewell to Rt. Rev. Mgr. Russell, who inaugurated Cardinal's day ten years ago, but who today presided as host to the cardinals and other distinguished guests for the last time on this annual ceremony. Mgr. Russell will leave Washington in March to become bishop of Charleston, S. C.

Begins With High Mass.
Cardinal's day ceremonies opened with high mass at St. Patrick's Church at 11 o'clock.

During the mass Cardinal Gibbons was seated on a red canopied throne to the left of the altar, surrounded by his deacons of honor and other clergy participating in the ceremonies.

The huge altar was ablaze with lights. Suspended above the altar was a great star, emblematic of the Star of Bethlehem. The Christmas decorations still were about the altar, with myriads of electric light bulbs shining forth among the Christmas greens.

Following this, at 12:30 there was a reception to Cardinal Gibbons at Carroll Hall, where Catholics from all parishes in Washington mingled with dignitaries of church and state in paying their respects to the venerable churchman.

At the conclusion of the reception a luncheon was given by Mgr. Russell in (Continued on Eighth Page.)

TO APPOINT ARMY WIDOW

Wilson Picks Woman for Old Point
Postoffice.

President Wilson has practically decided to appoint Mrs. Ambler Holliday Cardwell, of Baltimore, widow of Capt. Samuel Creed Cardwell, U. S. A., to be postmistress at Old Point, Va. He has so advised Representative William A. Jones of Virginia, whose district Fort Monroe, or Old Point, is located.

The position is one of the most desirable in the postal service, and Mr. Jones had fifteen applications for the appointment. It is one of the few post-offices in the country which provides free house rent to the postmaster. It pays a salary of \$2,800 a year.

Mrs. Cardwell is a daughter of the late Dr. William Holliday, of Baltimore. She married Captain Cardwell when he was stationed at Fort Howard. When the Old Point postoffice became vacant army friends of Mrs. Cardwell started the movement to secure her appointment. The army officers felt her selection would be recognition of her husband's service in the army, who was twice wounded in the Spanish-American war and who died from injuries he sustained in an accident at Fort Wright in 1914.

VISITOR FOR VERNON
Mrs. Castle on Way to See Husband
With Monkey.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Vernon Castle doesn't know who's coming to see him at the British front where he is availing. It's Rastus. Rastus is a monkey. When Mrs. Castle sailed aboard the American liner St. Paul Rastus was with her, having a state room all to himself.

TWO GUARDSMEN BURNED
Pennsylvanians Badly Hurt When
Tank Explodes.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 14.—Clark Herbert and John Devlin, privates of the First Pennsylvania National Guard, returning from the border, were severely burned about the face and hands, and ten other troops were slightly burned early this morning when a carbide tank which they were filling exploded in the Union Station yards here. Herbert and Devlin were taken to a hospital.

WILL DIE IN 1919
Californian, Following Hunch,
Places Date on Tombstone.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Peter Haller, of Jone, Cal., has built a concrete tomb and erected a tombstone with the inscription:

PETE HALLER.
Died 1919.
Over the River, Charlie.
Can't Swim a Lick.

How he has arrived at the conclusion that he will die in 1919 Haller has not revealed. He is of a happy and cheerful disposition.

TRANSPORT SUNK BY U-BOAT.

BERLIN, Jan. 14. (via Sayville wire-
less).—A transport steamer of 5,000 tons was sunk by a German submarine off Cherbourg December 28, the press bureau announced today. The transport was escorted by destroyers.

DO YOU EARN A LIVING WAGE?

Bureau of Labor Statistics
Wants to Know How You
Make Ends Meet.

INQUIRY BEGINS TOMORROW

Tale of Woe of Every Under-
paid Servant of Humanity to
Be Given Willing Ear.

What is your salary?
How much rent do you pay?
What did you pay for that suit you are wearing?

What did your wife's latest hat cost?
How much does it cost you to feed the baby?

What do you pay for your coal?
How much is your grocery bill every month?

What is your light bill each month?
How much money do you have left after paying all your bills, assuming that you do pay your bills, each month?

Ordinarily, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Reader you wouldn't have to think a second time for the answer to these questions. Right off the bat, spontaneous and lightning like, it would be "None of your business," and if you had any adjectives lying around loose and not working you might press a few of them into service.

Questions Will Be Asked.
But beginning tomorrow and continuing for several weeks the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Labor Department hopes it will be different.

Officials of the bureau expect to ask all these questions and many others of a most decidedly personal nature with a view of ascertaining what it costs Washingtonians to live.

The bureau hopes nobody will get mad or resent the personal questions, but will make prompt and complete reply to the end that all the world may learn what the cost of living is in Washington and whether adequate salaries and wages are paid here.

It is hoped that the questions will be taken in the same spirit in which they are asked—with a desire to obtain information which may prove beneficial to all salaried men and women and wage earners.

Discussed in Street Cars.
Almost every man you meet on the streets, in the cars and in buildings talks of the high cost of living in Washington. Discussion of this subject takes precedence over talk of ending the greatest war in the world's history, the Lawson leak, and all other topics. Stories have gone all over the country that it costs more to live in Washington than many other cities.

Prices of foodstuffs and the other necessities of life have gone ballooning until they no longer make men and women mad, but provoke derisive laughter.

These are said to be the conditions (Continued on Eighth Page.)

SIoux TO HONOR COL. CODY

Body Lies in Colorado State Capitol
Today.

DENVER, Jan. 14.—Final arrangements have been made for the funeral of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) at a meeting of committee members of the Elks and the city of Denver. The only song his friends ever heard him sing, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," was chosen by his relatives as one of the two vocal numbers to be sung at the funeral.

The body rested in state for three hours in the Capitol this morning attended by National Guardsmen, members of the Grand Army and representatives of other organizations, in which the colonel was a member. A superintendent of a rural school near here yesterday brought in the first contribution for a monument to Colonel Cody. It consisted of forty-seven new buttons, one for each of the children in the school.

Nothing has been learned as yet of the ceremonies the Sioux Indians of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota are expected to hold in connection with Colonel Cody's death.

AVERTS MUNITION DISASTER

Cool-Headed Employee Puts Out
Blaze as Fellows Seek Safety.

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 14.—A quick-witted employee at the Eddystone Ammunition Company's plant prevented a possible disaster last night when a possible disaster was averted when a match was dropped into a can of gasoline. Nearby were stored hundreds of fuses, and a concerted rush was made for exits.

Walter Thompson rushed to a fire extinguisher and sprayed the burning can and floor with chemicals until the flames were extinguished. The loss was trifling.

ALLEGES DAILY BEATINGS

Wife Says Hubby Had Annoying
Habit of Mauling Her.

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Katherine Anderson, whose father is wealthy, apologized to Judge Gaskill this morning in the city court.

"Even the most loyal wife is bound ultimately to grow tired of a daily beating, especially when she gets nothing else," she explained, while detailing the conduct of Harold Anderson, whom she charged with assault.

His entire contribution to her wardrobe since their marriage, she said, had been a \$4 skirt and a pair of shoes. He was held in \$1,000 bail for a further hearing Monday.

BERLIN FOOD FA KERS THRIVE; WORTHLESS SUBSTITUTES SOLD

Official Report Gives Details of Amazing
Products Manufactured to Replace
Steadily Waning Essentials of Life.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—A recent exhibition of food substitutes in Berlin revealed to the German authorities the existence of a multitude of objectionable articles that were being sold to the people to replace the essentials of life, of which the supplies are steadily waning.

Remarkable facts are contained in the official report of Dr. Fendler, head of the Berlin municipal medical council, which is published in the Vossische Zeitung. It says:

"Since the beginning of the war the number of factories for the production of food has increased in the most uncomfortable manner. Corn traders without employment, farmers living in town, barbers who were unsuccessful in their proper calling, and many others suddenly discovered that their true vocation lay in manufacturing food."

Cooking Pot Their Factory.
"The factory often consists of a cooking pot, their capital a few marks, and some very questionable recipes. One of the principal items to which these manufacturers turned their attention was soup tablets. They called them 'meat extract tablets,' and they are most pernicious things. The government had already laid down the rule that tablets with this name must contain at least 75 per cent of meat extract, but the rule has not been observed. In many cases as much as 97 per cent of cook-

ing salt has been found in these tablets. The remaining 3 per cent shows traces of coloring matter.

"Another powder is sold extensively under the name of Liptau cheese. It is a coarse red powder which consists of 70 per cent salt, 30 per cent pepper, caraway seed, butter and acid, the latter ingredient giving the whole a small resembling cheese dumpling. It is sold in two packets, one containing salt and dried vegetable powder, the other a salty flour mixture.

"Another field in which there is swindling on a gigantic scale is the fabrication of pudding powder. Here the main ingredient is potato meal. There are lemon, almond and raspberry pudding powders, all made of potato meal with a little coloring. Neither taste nor odor of lemons, almonds or raspberries can be traced. Little bags of this stuff are sold at 10 cents each, containing an ounce or two of meal and a fraction of an ounce of a substitute for milk extract.

Maize Flour Boosts Price.
"In this way also cream powder, lemon cream and other delicacies are manufactured. Sometimes maize flour is mixed with the potato flour, but in these cases up to the price from 50 to 100 per cent. The materials used cost about 40 cents a pound. In the shape of 'cream' or 'pudding' about \$1 is received for the 'meal.' Finally there is a pepper substitute, an extraordinary mixture made of worthless substances."

WRONG DATE STIRS DRY BILL'S FRIENDS

Think Some One Slipped Cog in
Wheels to Impede Passage
of Measure.

Some of the ardent friends of the Sheppard prohibition bill are very much excited over the date, December 1, 1916, in the last section of the bill, and are talking about an investigation. They think someone "put something over"—slipped a cog in the wheels, so that the anti-saloon measure might not roll smoothly on toward passage in the final busy days of the session.

Senator Wesley Jones, of Washington, member of the District Committee, and a proponent of the measure, today said he believed such charges without foundation.

Thinks Date Was Error.
"I had heard no talk of that sort," he said, "and I believe it is absurd. I have no doubt, personally, that the date was an error. The proper date, 'November 1, 1917,' appears throughout the measure, except in this one place, where it apparently was overlooked."

"Nothing to it," was the terse comment of E. C. Dinwiddie, of the National Temperance Legislation Bureau. "Some folk suspected that there might have been deliberate intent in the wrong date, but I am satisfied it was an error."

Dinwiddie Not Worried.
"It doesn't worry me one way or the other. Even if the measure goes through with the wrong date, there is plenty of precedent in court decisions to indicate that a court would take the common sense view of what was intended as to the date."

"There also is a provision in the bill to safeguard it against decisions affecting its constitutionality. This section provides that the fact that any portion of the bill may be held unconstitutional shall not impair the enforcement of other provisions."

KING NEEDS PRESS AGENT

Alfonso Not Referred to in N. Y.
Dailies for Month.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—For a month Romeike's, a press clipping company, has been under contract to clip all references to King Alfonso in New York newspapers.

The request was made by a man who had decided that the King of Spain needed a press agent. The result justified his decision, for yesterday, at the end of thirty days, not a mention of Alfonso had been discovered.

ARMY FRAUDS IN GERMANY

Newspapers Appeal to Public to As-
sist Parliamentary Inquiry.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague says that the German newspapers are appealing to the public to assist the parliamentary committee in the investigation of alleged gigantic swindles connected with military contracts.

The public is invited to report to the committee every abuse of this kind which comes to its knowledge. Even anonymous communications will receive attention and investigation.

NEW QUARTERS READY

The United States Treasury will distribute the first of the new quarters to Washington banks tomorrow. At the same time subtreasuries will begin distribution to banks in their communities, and the new piece will be started in general circulation.

BLASTS CAUSED BY ONE MAN, U. S. AGENTS TOLD

Investigator Hears Lone Hand
Set Off Both Big Muni-
tions Explosions.

"STILL ANOTHER JOB TO DO"

Information Gleaned From Con-
versation Overheard in
Restaurant.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—William L. O'Leary, Department of Justice agent, has received information that the Kingsland and Haskell, N. J., explosions were caused by one man, who has "another job" yet to do.

O'Leary refused to discuss the probability of his information until his agents, now running the tip down, report to him.

A man and a woman brought him the information, gleaned from a conversation overheard in a restaurant.

May Cripple Business

Fearing a repetition of the two disastrous explosions hundreds of residents of munition towns are said to be preparing to leave. The general exodus, it was admitted by an official of the du Pont Company, which owned the plant at Haskell, N. J., is likely to cripple the munitions business in the State.

New Jersey residents everywhere are following the lead of Mayor Arthur A. Clay, of Kingsland, scene of the Canadian Car and Foundry explosion Thursday night, and are planning to drive from their doors the constant menace of tons of explosives.

No More Arms Plant.
Clay declared today, with the backing of his townsmen, that no more munitions plants would throw a shadow of danger over Kingsland.

Indignation meetings everywhere along the Jersey side of the Hudson and down the Jersey coast were in order today.

After the Black Tom explosion last summer, New York Harbor there were protests from New Jersey residents, and they have now broken up with renewed vigor.

The people plan to carry the battle to the new government, Mr. Egan, who will take office next week.

Seventeen explosions have rocked New Jersey since the business of making munitions for the allies started in the tiny State. Thirty-five men have lost their lives in these explosions. Thousands of tons of deadly shells and explosives are now stored in that State.

It was stated today that only two men lost their lives in the terrific blasts which wiped out the du Pont plant at Haskell.

Searchers in the ruins stated they were finding parts of human bodies. Whether these were the men officially said to have lost their lives could not be ascertained.

Thorough Inquiry.
County Prosecutor Michael Dunn, of Passaic county, the scene of the latest crash, announced today he was going clear to the bottom in an investigation which he hopes will definitely establish what caused the explosion. Officials of the du Pont company stated the explosion was accidental only, scotching the theory of plots.

Detectives from Dunn's office and from the office of County Physician Armstrong were busily engaged today in going over facts in the case.

BLAME THAW FOR CRIME

Brooding Over Case Caused Mur-
der, Say Detectives.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 14.—Detectives this afternoon said that they believed reading of the Harry Thaw case had preyed on the mind of John Lawrence Smith and led the whisky-maddened man to abuse his wife to the point of driving her to kill him.

According to a deposition made by Mrs. Smith to the police, Smith had forced her to crawl naked at his feet and swear that she was his servant and he her master, as Thaw is alleged to have done with Frederick "Jumpy" Jr.

While she crawled on her hands and knees beginning for mercy he poured whisky over her body, she said, and constantly threatened to kill her.

CARD PRIZE DOZEN OF EGGS

Extravagance of Some Minnesota
Women.

BRainerd, Minn., Jan. 14.—"High cost of living parties" are quite the rage among women on the Minnesota Iron Range. Mrs. C. W. Cobb, of Brainerd, is given credit for originating the idea.

A number of friends of Mrs. Cobb were invited to play five hundred. The prize was a dozen fresh eggs, with a cleverly prepared verse on the high cost of living. Mrs. Cobb said her next prize would be a bushel of potatoes.

ASK BREAK WITH BERLIN

The State Department has sent to President Wilson a box load of gerbils, signed by 15,000 Massachusetts citizens, asking that he break relations with Germany if she does not stop deporting Belgians.